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Overview

The Fall 2018 edition of IRS Publication 6292 provides the most recent revisions to the U.S.-level projections of the tax returns expected to be filed for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 through FY 2025. This publication presents the projections in two ways: (1) by major return categories; and (2) by IRS business operating divisions (but for selected categories).

Statistics of Income (SOI) staff within the IRS Research, Applied Analytics, and Statistics (RAAS) organization prepare these projections semiannually to incorporate changes in filing patterns, economic and demographic trends, legislative requirements, and IRS administrative processes. The Fall 2018 projections are based on the information available as of early August 2018, including enacted tax law changes and confirmed administrative plans. Legislative or administrative initiatives under consideration are generally not used for projections due to the uncertain nature of their eventual outcome.

Data Sources and Projection Methodology

SOI staff used the reported actual number of returns filed in FY 2017 for each category to estimate the expected FY 2018 through FY 2025 return counts. The source data came from the IRS master file, which reports the historical number of returns processed and recorded each year. In cases where master file return counts were not available, SOI staff relied on counts provided by program staff in the IRS operating divisions.

Depending on the properties of each filing category, the forecasting methods were selected to capture and extrapolate historical filing trends. In general, the projections are computed for the calendar year of filing and converted to the corresponding fiscal year based on the historical quarterly filing experience. These results are based on statistical models, such as regression models incorporating key economic and demographic input variables provided by IHS Global Inc., time series techniques, growth rates, and historical ratio methods. The projection method used depends on the form type, availability of historical data, and applicability of relevant economic and demographic forecasts. Customers interested in obtaining more detail on forecasting methodologies are invited to contact the appropriate staff member listed under Principal Contacts.

Summary of Significant Trends and Revisions

Summaries of the major trends and other significant factors embedded in the return forecasts for this edition of Publication 6292 are provided below:

Trend in Grand Total Return Filings

As presented in Table 1, grand total return filings were 247.8 million in FY 2017, an increase of 0.3 percent over FY 2016. After FY 2017, grand total return filings are projected to grow at an average annual rate of 0.9 percent, reaching 265.5 million by FY 2025. The paper grand total return filings were 74.7 million in FY 2017, a decrease of 4.1 percent from the FY 2016 total. The electronic grand total return filings were 173.1 million in FY 2017, an increase of 2.4 percent over FY 2016. After FY 2017, electronic grand total return filings are projected to grow at an average annual rate of 2.3 percent.

Detail by Business Operating Division

Table 2 presents estimates of selected return filings by IRS “Business Operating Division” (BOD). The selected returns include total individual income tax returns, corporation income tax returns, partnership returns, employment returns, excise returns, and exempt organization returns. As applicable, these volumes are broken out by their operating division components: “Wage and Investment” (W&I), “Small Business/Self-Employed” (SB/SE), “Large Business and International” (LB&I), and “Tax Exempt/Government Entities” (TE/GE). Also included are the projected total filings of employee plan (EP) returns, including those processed by the Department of Labor, which comprise major return filings by taxpayers served by the TE/GE operating division.

Impact of Tax Cuts and Jobs Act on Return Projections

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, enacted on December 22, 2017, changed the way tax is calculated for both individual and business tax return filers. Most of the changes affecting the individual tax and business return filers became effective January 2018. While some changes sunset at the end of 2025, others are permanent. Highlights of the new tax law changes include revised business expense deductions, increased standard deduction, removed personal exemptions, changed tax rates and brackets, increased child tax credit, and limited or discontinued certain deductions. These changes are expected to impact the future return volume of certain individual and business form types.

At the time this update was being developed, some language in the new law was still under review and regulations were being developed. Based on the information available as of early August 2018, adjustments were made to the forecasted volumes of certain business returns to account for some of the changes that impact business returns. For instance, the estate tax and generation-skipping transfer taxes are among the many areas impacted by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. The estimates developed in this update reflect the marginal effects of the changes to the estate tax exclusion amount described in the enacted tax law. Final regulations and developments will continue to be monitored and additional adjustments will be considered for future updates.

Accuracy of Prior Projections

To measure the quality of our products and services, this section, along with Table 3, provides a brief analysis of the accuracy of prior projections. Using four years of actual data from 2014 through 2017, Table 3 presents the accuracy of our national-level projections by major return categories. This analysis covers only the major return categories projected on a calendar-year basis and serves as a general measure for approximating the overall reliability of our U.S.-level return projections.

The table presents two measures of projection accuracy: (1) the mean absolute percent error (MAPE); and (2) the number of overprojections. The MAPE is computed as the average percentage projection error for the four-year period, regardless of whether the projections were over or under the actual filings in each of the four projection cycles. In addition, the number of overprojections can show whether projections are consistently over- or underprojected. A value of “2” indicates balanced forecasts over the four cycles.

The table groups these two measures by time horizon. The time horizon is determined based on the year a forecast was made and the year projected. For example, a forecast for 2016 made in 2013 would be part of the “3-years-ahead” time horizon.

Table 1. Fiscal Year Projections of the Number of Returns To Be Filed with IRS, 2018–2025—Continued

Type of Return	Actual— FY 2017	Projected								
		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
Withholding on Foreign Persons, Form 1042	49,296	51,400	52,600	53,700	54,800	55,800	56,900	58,000	59,100	
Exempt Organizations, Total	1,525,627	1,563,200	1,606,700	1,649,500	1,693,500	1,737,500	1,782,000	1,826,600	1,871,600	
Paper Exempt Organizations, Total	514,098	480,500	467,100	455,100	444,400	434,900	426,500	419,000	412,400	
Electronic Exempt Organizations, Total	1,011,529	1,082,700	1,139,700	1,194,400	1,249,100	1,302,600	1,355,500	1,407,600	1,459,100	
Form 990, Total	310,344	310,600	310,900	311,200	311,400	311,700	312,000	312,300	312,500	
Paper Form 990	81,955	68,200	63,700	59,500	55,800	52,400	49,300	46,500	44,000	
Electronic Form 990	228,389	242,400	247,200	251,600	255,700	259,300	262,700	265,700	268,500	
Form 990-EZ, Total	243,451	241,000	240,500	240,400	240,400	240,400	240,400	240,400	240,400	
Paper Form 990-EZ	122,681	110,800	106,900	103,300	99,900	96,800	93,900	91,200	88,800	
Electronic Form 990-EZ	120,770	130,200	133,600	137,200	140,500	143,600	146,500	149,200	151,600	
Form 990-N**	604,318	645,900	691,300	735,000	779,600	823,800	868,100	912,400	956,700	
Form 990-PF, Total	109,513	111,000	112,100	113,400	114,600	115,900	117,100	118,300	119,500	
Paper Form 990-PF	51,461	46,800	44,600	42,800	41,300	40,000	38,900	38,000	37,200	
Electronic Form 990-PF	58,052	64,200	67,500	70,600	73,300	75,900	78,200	80,300	82,300	
Form 990-T	154,784	154,800	154,800	154,800	154,800	154,800	154,800	154,800	154,800	
Form 4720	2,347	2,300	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	
Form 5227	100,870	97,600	94,700	92,300	90,200	88,500	87,100	85,900	85,000	
Form 1041-A	7,383	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	
Government Entity/Bonds	47,236	47,200	47,200	47,000	46,900	46,700	46,500	46,300	46,200	
Form 8038	3,043	2,800	2,700	2,700	2,600	2,500	2,400	2,300	2,200	
Form 8038-CP	10,713	10,600	10,600	10,600	10,600	10,600	10,600	10,600	10,600	
Form 8038-G	24,762	24,900	25,100	25,100	25,100	25,100	25,100	25,100	25,100	
Form 8038-GC	7,966	8,000	8,000	7,900	7,800	7,700	7,600	7,500	7,400	
Form 8038-T	377	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	
Form 8038-TC	174	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	
Form 8328	201	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	
Political Organizations, Total	10,660	11,300	9,600	11,100	9,500	11,000	9,300	10,900	9,200	
Form 1120-POL, Total	4,258	4,200	4,000	3,900	3,700	3,600	3,500	3,300	3,200	
Paper Form 1120-POL	4,227	4,100	4,000	3,800	3,700	3,600	3,400	3,300	3,200	
Electronic Form 1120-POL	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Form 8871***	3,542	3,900	3,500	3,900	3,700	4,100	3,800	4,300	4,000	
Form 8872, Total	2,860	3,300	2,000	3,300	2,000	3,300	2,000	3,300	2,000	
Paper Form 8872	599	700	500	700	500	700	500	700	500	
Electronic Form 8872	2,261	2,600	1,500	2,600	1,500	2,600	1,500	2,600	1,500	
Excise, Total	1,006,474	1,017,600	1,027,300	1,035,900	1,045,200	1,054,000	1,063,200	1,072,100	1,081,200	
Form 11-C	3,845	3,500	3,200	2,900	2,700	2,400	2,100	1,900	1,600	
Form 720, Total	190,663	187,800	184,900	181,900	179,000	176,100	173,200	170,300	167,400	
Paper Form 720	189,492	186,500	183,500	180,400	177,400	174,400	171,300	168,300	165,300	
Electronic Form 720	1,171	1,300	1,400	1,500	1,600	1,700	1,900	2,000	2,100	
Form 730	22,878	21,700	21,000	20,300	19,500	18,800	18,100	17,400	16,700	
Form 2290, Total	780,678	796,000	809,700	822,100	835,400	848,100	861,100	874,000	887,000	
Paper Form 2290	284,397	238,400	212,100	198,400	192,200	189,900	189,800	191,000	193,000	
Electronic Form 2290	496,281	557,600	597,600	623,700	643,200	658,200	671,300	682,900	694,000	
Form 8849, Total	8,410	8,600	8,600	8,600	8,600	8,600	8,600	8,600	8,600	
Paper Form 8849	5,060	5,000	4,700	4,500	4,200	3,900	3,600	3,400	3,100	
Electronic Form 8849	3,350	3,600	3,900	4,100	4,400	4,700	4,900	5,200	5,500	
Excise Taxes re Employee Plans, Form 5330	20,101	20,000	19,900	19,700	19,600	19,400	19,200	19,100	18,900	
Form 5500-EZ, One-Participant Retirement Plans	104,572	100,100	95,600	91,100	86,600	82,100	77,700	73,200	68,700	
Payment or Refund Under Sec. 7519, Form 8752	26,945	25,800	25,000	24,100	23,300	22,500	21,800	21,000	20,200	
Supplemental Documents, Total	26,121,626	27,390,100	28,150,800	28,818,000	29,437,700	30,031,700	30,611,400	31,182,800	31,749,500	
Form 1040-X	3,475,221	3,974,600	4,076,700	4,178,700	4,280,700	4,382,700	4,484,600	4,586,500	4,688,400	
Form 4868, Total	14,025,744	14,296,000	14,612,500	14,928,900	15,245,400	15,561,900	15,878,400	16,194,900	16,511,300	
Paper Form 4868	4,265,810	3,782,000	3,311,700	2,814,800	2,314,900	1,811,800	1,305,400	795,500	282,000	
Electronic Form 4868	9,759,934	10,513,900	11,300,800	12,114,200	12,930,500	13,750,100	14,573,000	15,399,400	16,229,400	
Form 1120-X	11,557	11,900	12,100	12,300	12,500	12,800	13,100	13,400	13,700	
Form 5558	499,686	516,100	533,100	550,100	567,100	584,000	601,000	618,000	635,000	
Form 7004, Total	7,558,387	8,022,500	8,316,600	8,517,100	8,670,100	8,797,500	8,910,500	9,015,400	9,115,600	
Paper Form 7004	1,676,286	1,550,800	1,451,700	1,370,500	1,303,900	1,249,400	1,204,700	1,168,200	1,138,200	
Electronic Form 7004	5,882,101	6,471,700	6,864,800	7,146,600	7,366,200	7,548,100	7,705,800	7,847,200	7,977,300	
Form 8868, Total	551,031	568,900	599,900	630,800	661,800	692,700	723,700	754,600	785,500	
Paper Form 8868	235,586	238,600	251,100	263,600	276,200	288,700	301,300	313,800	326,400	
Electronic Form 8868	315,445	330,400	348,800	367,200	385,600	404,000	422,400	440,800	459,200	

* Forms 1040, 1040-A, and 1040-EZ will be replaced with a new, streamlined Form 1040 (Form 1040 Simplified) starting in Filing Year 2019.

** Form 990-N is all electronic.

*** Form 8871 is all electronic.

NOTES: Table does not contain non-master file counts. Each of the forms listed under "Type of Return" is defined in the "Table Notes" of Publication 6292. Detail may not add to subtotal/total due to rounding.

SOURCE: Internal Revenue Service, Statistics of Income Division, Fall 2018 Publication 6292.

Table 2. Selected Fiscal Year Return Filing Estimates by Business Operating Division (BOD), 2018–2025

Type of Return/BOD	Actual— FY 2017	Projected							
		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
Individual Income Tax, Total	149,837,784	151,597,800	152,866,000	154,113,500	155,529,200	156,861,200	158,412,700	159,959,300	161,518,300
Small Business/Self-Employed	47,092,265	47,743,000	48,296,800	48,899,100	49,646,600	50,272,100	50,969,000	51,659,000	52,354,800
Wage and Investment	102,745,519	103,854,800	104,569,200	105,214,300	105,882,600	106,589,100	107,443,700	108,300,400	109,163,500
Corporation Income Tax, Total	6,841,274	6,971,300	7,033,100	7,109,800	7,194,600	7,284,200	7,376,600	7,470,800	7,566,200
Small Business/Self-Employed	6,667,296	6,791,400	6,851,300	6,925,800	7,008,400	7,095,700	7,185,900	7,277,900	7,371,000
Large Business and International	164,028	169,500	171,500	173,600	175,900	178,100	180,400	182,700	185,000
Tax Exempt/Government Entities	9,950	10,400	10,400	10,300	10,300	10,300	10,300	10,200	10,200
Partnership Returns, Total	4,046,325	4,130,700	4,222,700	4,314,700	4,406,600	4,498,600	4,590,500	4,682,500	4,774,500
Small Business/Self-Employed	3,846,966	3,927,200	4,014,600	4,102,100	4,189,500	4,276,900	4,364,400	4,451,800	4,539,200
Large Business and International	198,931	203,100	207,600	212,100	216,600	221,200	225,700	230,200	234,700
Tax Exempt/Government Entities	428	400	400	500	500	500	500	500	500
Employment Tax, Total	30,631,305	30,833,000	31,006,300	31,126,100	31,247,200	31,368,900	31,490,900	31,613,100	31,735,500
Small Business/Self-Employed	27,848,264	28,031,300	28,188,800	28,298,100	28,408,500	28,519,300	28,630,400	28,741,600	28,853,000
Large Business and International	759,192	764,000	767,900	770,400	772,900	775,400	778,000	780,600	783,300
Tax Exempt/Government Entities	2,023,849	2,037,700	2,049,600	2,057,600	2,065,800	2,074,100	2,082,500	2,090,900	2,099,300
Excise, Total	1,006,474	1,017,600	1,027,300	1,035,900	1,045,200	1,054,000	1,063,200	1,072,100	1,081,200
Small Business/Self-Employed	879,451	891,700	902,400	911,900	922,300	932,100	942,300	952,200	962,300
Large Business and International	84,725	84,700	84,500	84,300	84,100	83,900	83,700	83,500	83,300
Tax Exempt/Government Entities	42,298	41,300	40,400	39,600	38,800	38,000	37,200	36,300	35,500
Exempt Organization, Total	1,525,627	1,563,200	1,606,700	1,649,500	1,693,500	1,737,500	1,782,000	1,826,600	1,871,600
Tax Exempt/Government Entities	1,525,627	1,563,200	1,606,700	1,649,500	1,693,500	1,737,500	1,782,000	1,826,600	1,871,600
Employee Plans, Forms 5500, 5500EZ, and 5500SF	904,167	908,900	919,300	929,000	937,900	946,200	953,900	961,000	967,500
Tax Exempt/Government Entities	904,167	908,900	919,300	929,000	937,900	946,200	953,900	961,000	967,500

NOTES: Detail may not add to total due to rounding. See Table Notes page for definitions of "Type of Return/BOD."

SOURCE: Internal Revenue Service, Statistics of Income Division, Fall 2018 Publication 6292.

Table 3. Accuracy Measures for U.S. Forecasts of Major Return Categories—Mean Absolute Percent Error (MAPE) and Number of Overprojections for the Four Most Recent Projection Cycles

Item	Projection Error on Forecasts for:					
	Calendar Year 2017 Actual * (thousands)	1 Year Ahead N=4	2 Years Ahead N=4	3 Years Ahead N=4	4 Years Ahead N=4	5 Years Ahead N=4
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Grand Total—Selected Returns *	246,296					
MAPE		0.65%	1.36%	1.63%	1.65%	1.59%
Number of Overprojections		4	4	4	4	4
Grand Total—Paper	74,983					
MAPE		3.26%	3.27%	6.18%	10.92%	18.95%
Number of Overprojections		4	4	4	4	4
Grand Total—E-file	171,313					
MAPE		0.65%	0.61%	1.48%	3.41%	7.06%
Number of Overprojections		2	2	1	1	0
Total Primary—Selected Returns *	221,872					
MAPE		0.50%	1.12%	1.45%	1.49%	1.61%
Number of Overprojections		3	4	4	4	4
Primary Total—Paper	64,165					
MAPE		1.42%	3.21%	6.13%	10.14%	17.03%
Number of Overprojections		3	4	4	4	4
Primary Total—E-file	157,708					
MAPE		0.43%	0.48%	1.28%	2.51%	5.59%
Number of Overprojections		2	2	1	0	0
Individual Total	149,866					
MAPE		0.55%	1.04%	1.83%	2.15%	2.06%
Number of Overprojections		4	4	4	4	4
Individual Total—Paper	18,203					
MAPE		1.99%	3.82%	11.08%	20.96%	34.31%
Number of Overprojections		4	3	3	4	4
Individual Total—E-file	131,664					
MAPE		0.38%	0.81%	1.10%	1.51%	3.59%
Number of Overprojections		3	4	2	1	1
Individual Estimated Tax	22,229					
MAPE		2.02%	4.16%	4.75%	4.53%	4.15%
Number of Overprojections		2	4	2	3	3
Fiduciary Total	3,116					
MAPE		1.62%	3.19%	4.09%	4.21%	3.71%
Number of Overprojections		4	3	2	1	1
Partnership Total	4,043					
MAPE		0.84%	2.34%	3.32%	3.43%	5.83%
Number of Overprojections		1	1	1	1	1
Corporation Total	6,931					
MAPE		1.41%	1.13%	3.91%	5.61%	7.21%
Number of Overprojections		2	1	2	2	3
Employment Total	30,584					
MAPE		1.09%	0.96%	2.16%	1.78%	2.10%
Number of Overprojections		2	3	2	1	1
Exempt Organization Total	1,552					
MAPE		2.37%	4.47%	4.84%	5.59%	5.22%
Number of Overprojections		3	3	3	3	2
Excise Total	1,011					
MAPE		1.33%	1.55%	6.73%	9.12%	11.91%
Number of Overprojections		2	2	1	0	0

*Some actuals shown in this table may differ from official counts reported elsewhere because they exclude certain return series only recently projected and whose accuracy cannot yet be evaluated.
SOURCE: Internal Revenue Service, Statistics of Income Division, Fall 2018 Publication 6292.

Table Notes

- Projected volumes are rounded to the nearest hundred; therefore, counts of 49 or fewer are rounded to 0. However, some forms can report zero filings because they are associated with only selected areas, or because their filing options were just established or recently eliminated.
- Actual and forecasted return counts for the major categories are based on an internal IRS master file that shows the historical number of returns processed and recorded each year.

Table 1:

- “Grand Total” is the sum of “Total Primary Returns” and “Supplemental Documents.” The “Total Primary Returns” category is the sum of all forms shown in the table, excluding “Supplemental Documents.”
- “Individual Income Tax, Total” is the sum of paper and electronic Forms 1040, 1040-A, 1040-EZ, 1040-NR, 1040-NR-EZ, 1040-PR, 1040-SS, and 1040-C. Starting in Filing Year 2019, Forms 1040, 1040-A, and 1040-EZ will be replaced with a new, streamlined Form 1040.
- Various return categories, such as Form 1040-ES (*Individual Estimated Tax*) and other business and individual returns, include line items to account for alternative methods of tax filing. The “paper only” components can be derived by subtracting the electronic counts from their respective return totals.
- “Fiduciary, Form 1041” includes both paper and electronic Form 1041.
- “Fiduciary Estimated Tax, Form 1041-ES” is the *Estimated Income Tax for Estates and Trusts*.
- “Partnership, Forms 1065/1065-B” includes both paper and electronic Forms 1065 and 1065-B.
- “Corporation Income Tax, Total” includes Forms 1120 (paper and electronic), 1120-F (paper and electronic), 1120-H, 1120-L, 1120-ND, 1120-PC, 1120-SF, 1120-FSC, 1120-REIT, 1120RIC, and 1120-S (paper and electronic). Form 1120-POL volumes are reported separately under the forms for “Political Organizations.” Form 1120-IC-DISC is not included in these corporation projections.
- “Form 1120-C” is the *U.S. Income Tax Return for Cooperative Associations*.
- “Form 2553” is the *Election by a Small Business Corporation* (to file Form 1120-S).
- “Form 1066” is the *U.S. Real Estate Mortgage Investment Conduit (REMIC) Income Tax Return*.
- “Estate” includes Forms 706, 706-NA, 706-GS(D), and 706-GS(T).
- “Gift, Form 709” is the *United States Gift (and Generation-Skipping Transfer) Tax Return*.
- “Employment Tax, Total” includes paper and electronic Forms 940, 940-EZ, 940-PR, 941, 941-PR, 941-SS, 943, 943-PR, 943-SS, 944, 945, and CT-1. CT-2 is excluded since the return counts were only available on the non-master file.
- “Form 1042” is the annual tax return for *Foreign Person’s U.S.-Source Income Subject to Withholding*. This form is assigned to the International area. It is sometimes considered an employment tax return, but is listed separately here.

- “Exempt Organizations, Total” includes Forms 990 (paper and electronic), 990-EZ (paper and electronic), 990-N (only available electronically), 990-PF (paper and electronic), 990-T, 4720, and 5227.
- “Form 1041-A” is the *U.S. Information Return Trust Accumulation of Charitable Amounts*.
- “Government Entities/Bonds” includes Forms 8038, 8038-CP, 8038-G, 8038-GC, 8038-T, 8038-TC, and 8328.
- “Political Organizations” includes both paper and electronic Forms 1120-POL, 8871, and 8872.
- “Excise, Total” includes Forms 11-C, 730, and paper and electronic Forms 720, 2290, and 8849.
- “Form 5330” is the *Return of Excise Taxes Related to Employee Benefit Plans*.
- “Form 5500-EZ” is the *Annual Return for One-Participant (Owners and Their Spouses) Retirement Plan*.
- “Form 8752” is the *Required Payment or Refund Under Section 7519*.
- “Supplemental Documents” consists mainly of applications for extensions of time to file and amended tax returns, which include Forms 1040-X, 4868 (both paper and electronic), 1120-X, 5558, 7004 (both paper and electronic), and 8868 (both paper and electronic).

Table 2:

- Individual filers classified as “Small Business/Self-Employed” reflect those taxpayers filing a Form 1040 return with a Schedule C, Schedule F, Schedule E, and/or Form 2106 attached, or with mailing addresses or forms considered “International.” All other individual filers are classified as “Wage and Investment.”
- In general, corporation filers (Form 1120 series returns including Form 1120-S) and partnership filers are classified as “Large Business and International” if their reported total assets are \$10 million or more. Corporation and partnership returns with assets below \$10 million are generally classified as “Small Business/Self-Employed.” However, there are also some partnership and corporation returns classified as part of the “Tax Exempt/Government Entities” operating division.
- Nonprofit organizations, pension plan filers, tribal authorities, and governmental units comprise the “Tax Exempt/Government Entities” classification.
- “Employee Plans” returns include paper and electronic Forms 5500, 5500-EZ, and 5500-SF. Counts by operating division in this table are based primarily upon the IRS master file “BOD indicator.” This indicator is a single, point-in-time, taxpayer-level identifier (in contrast to a return-by-return identifier).

Other Projection Publications

Title	IRS Publication Number	Typical Updates
Calendar Year Projections of Information and Withholding Documents for the United States and IRS Campuses	6961	Summer
Calendar Year Return Projections for the United States and IRS Campuses	6186	Fall
Calendar Year Projections of Individual Returns by Major Processing Categories	6187	Fall
Calendar Year Return Projections by State	6149	Winter

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